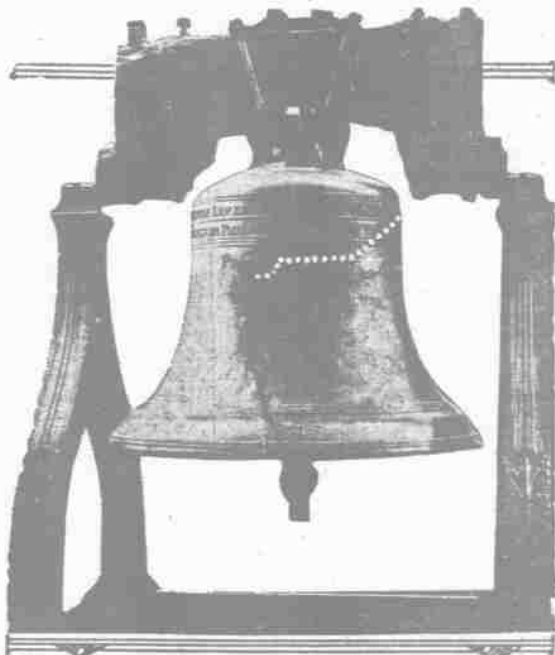


REAL STORY OF CRACKING OF LIBERTY BELL BY THE BOY WHO BROKE IT!



Is Liberty Bell Dying? Dotted Line Shows How Crack in Famous Relic Has Grown Six Inches.

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New York, July 6.—The true story of the little boy who broke the Liberty Bell—told by himself!

It has been quoted to me here—given to the world at large practically for the first time!

Of course, the old Liberty Bell, now in its decrepit state bound across the continent to the Panama-Pacific exposition, officially broke down at the funeral of Chief Justice John Marshall, on July 8, 1835—80 years ago.

That historical account of the famous crack is all the more attractive

because July 8 of the year 1776 is also the real date when the bell first celebrated the Declaration of Independence. So that, in the official story, the famous old bell's tongue was silenced forever on the 50th anniversary, to a day, of its FIRST peal of American liberty—silenced when tolling for the death of one of the greatest interpreters of that liberty, John Marshall, our most famous supreme court justice.

But after guarding his secret for over three-quarters of a century, Emanuel J. Rauch, civil war veteran of